

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 7, 9, 12-13, 15, 17, and 35 are amended, and claims 30-34 and 36-38 were previously withdrawn, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-38 are pending.

In the office action, the drawings were objected to with regard to reciting a cam follower, a movable cam, a face cam, a drum cam, a knife edge follower, a roller follower, a tapered threaded bayonet, a push fit locking pin, a steeped configuration, a locking pin including a threaded portion, and a cotter pin.

It is respectfully submitted that the indicated terms are not positively recited, but instead are components which are not part of the present invention, but which may interact with the present invention.

The present invention is directed to a cam system having at least two cam structures as recited in the pending elected claims 1-29 and 35, which is the "invention specified in the claims". The indicated terms which are not positively recited are, therefore, not required to be shown in the drawings. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

In the office action, claim 15 was objected to, and claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 35 also appears to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The claims are amended to overcome the objection and rejections, so reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph are respectfully requested.

In the office action, claims 1-29 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of U.S. Patent Number 733,220 to Krebs.

Claims 1-29 and 35 are patentable over Krebs, since Krebs does not disclose or suggest all of the elements, steps, and features of the present invention. In particular, Krebs does not disclose at least one central cam structure adapted to receive at least one side cam structure, as in the present invention, in which the at least one central cam structure and at least one side cam structure are distinct and separate elements, by which one of the elements (the at least one side cam structure) is received by the other element (the at least one central cam structure).

On the contrary, Krebs teaches away from the present invention, since Krebs has a “cam H [which] comprises a movable part ... This movable part J”, as described in Krebs, page 1, column 1, lines 35-43. Accordingly, the movable part J, identified in the office action on page 5 as “at least one side cam structure (J)”, is a component of the cam H, and so Krebs does not disclose or suggest distinct and separate elements constituting the at least one central cam structure and the at least one side cam structure, by which one of the elements (the at least one side cam structure) is received by the other element (the at least one central cam structure), as in the present invention.

Therefore, one having ordinary skill in the art would not look to Krebs for the distinct and separate elements constituting the at least one central cam structure and the at least one side cam structure, as in the present invention, so claims 1-29 and 35 are patentable over Krebs.

Accordingly, entry and approval of the present amendment and election of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In case of any deficiencies in fees by the filing of the present amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiencies in fees to Deposit Account Number 01-0035.

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